

NOTICE OF MINE OPERATIONS WITHIN 100 FEET OF PUBLIC ROAD

Pursuant to A.R.M. 17.24.1134(3), notice is hereby given that Western Energy Company, PO Box 99, Colstrip, MT 59323, on behalf of the Rosebud Mine, Area C-Central, has filed a request to conduct mining operations within 100 feet of the Farley Loop County Road. The request has been filed with the Rosebud County Commissioners and the Department of Environmental Quality.

Western Energy Co. proposes to conduct topsoil and overburden removal operations within 100 feet of the Farley Loop County Road to maximize coal recovery. The proposed operations will be conducted in compliance with the approved mine plan for Rosebud Mine, Area C-Central. The proposed mining operations will be located in Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 39 East.

As required by A.R.M. 17.24.1134(3) a public hearing on the proposal to conduct mining operations within 100 feet of a public road will be conducted at 7:00 pm Wednesday, November 5, 2008, in the Training Facility, Western Energy Company. The training facility is located adjacent to the Castle Rock County Road, approximately one half mile west of the main entrance to the Rosebud Mine.

Information related to the proposed county road relocation is available for inspection at the Department of Environmental Quality offices in Helena (1520 East Sixth Avenue), and Billings (Airport Industrial Park), and the Rosebud County Commissioners' office, Forsyth.

The State of Montana, Department of Environmental Quality, Industrial and Energy Minerals Bureau, Coal and Uranium Program, makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in the above state government proceedings. Persons needing an accommodation must notify the Coal and Uranium Program before the end of the comment period to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You may call (406) 444-4968 or write to the above address to make your request known.